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The SPEAKER. On this roll call, 378 Members have recorded their presence. A quorum is present.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 1 I was delayed. Had I been present, I would have voted "present."

# PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, I was absent during rollcall vote No. 1. Had I been present, I would have voted "present" to establish a quorum in the House of Representatives for the start of the Second Session of the 112th Congress.

# PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 1, I arrived late due to a court case. Had I been present, I would have voted "present."

# THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the proceedings of January 13, 2012, and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal. The question was taken; and the

Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered PROVIDING FOR A COMMITTEE TO withdrawn.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Florida (Mr. WEST) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WEST led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God. indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

# SWEARING IN OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives, OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS, Washington, DC, January 17, 2012. Hon. John A. Boehner,

Speaker, House of Representatives, Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I hereby offer my resignation as Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives, effective January 17, 2012. It has been a privilege and honor to serve this institution as Sergeant at Arms since the 104th Congress.

If I can ever be of service to the House of Representatives in the future, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely,

WILSON LIVINGOOD. Sergeant at Arms.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

# H. RES. 511

Resolved, That Paul D. Irving of the State of Florida, be, and is hereby, chosen Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representa-

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER. Will the Sergeant at Arms-designate please take the well.

The Chair will now swear in the Sergeant at Arms of the House.

The Sergeant at Arms-designate took the oath of office as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you

Congratulations.

God.

NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CONGRESS

Mr. CANTOR, Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as fol-

#### H. RES. 512

Resolved, That a committee of two Members be appointed by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives to join with a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE NOTIFY THE TO PRESIDENT, PURSUANT TOHOUSE RESOLUTION 512

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to House Resolution 512, the Chair appoints the following Members to the committee on the part of the House to join a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and that Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make:

the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CANTOR) and

the gentlewoman from California (Ms. Pelosi).

# THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WEST). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

TO INFORM THE SENATE THAT A QUORUM OF THE HOUSE HAS AS-SEMBLED

Mr. CANTOR, Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

# H. RES. 513

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House inform the Senate that a quorum of the House is present and that the House is ready to proceed with business.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

# PROVIDING FOR THE HOUR OF MEETING OF THE HOUSE

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.